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READ ME FIRST!

This is the first annual April Fool issue of the MCCC NEWS. Most of the articles are whimsical and humorous in nature. However, please note that THE AD ON PAGE 3 is TOTALLY SERIOUS. We received our first full page ad this month and hope you will take the time to read it carefully. Computer Whatever has a good deal of equipment that they would like to liquidate before they move to a new location. This means great prices for anyone who might find the equipment useful.

The rest of the issue has been a labor of love, our effort to give you something a little out of the ordinary. Any implication of a slanderous nature is purely coincidental and individuals who feel the necessity of filing Class A lawsuits against the newsletter staff will be dealt with harshly. Naturally, we will deny any knowledge of who might actually be responsible and in the event of major controversy, we will probably all resign leaving town with all our worldly possessions including all of the club's hardware.

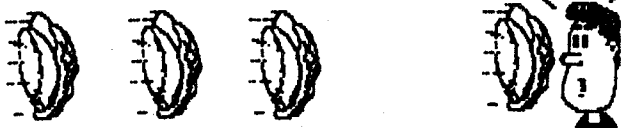
READ ME FIRST!

Computaholics Exam From the Starboard Journal of the Flagship SIGS on DELPHI and GENIE Telecommunications

Below are listed a few questions which will allow you to be aware of the extent and severity of your computer addiction.

- * Do you use disk labels for tape?
- * Do you buy your disks in lots of 100?
- * Do you use more than a case of paper a year?
- * Do you own and frequently use a calculator capable of hexadecimal and binary arithmetic?
- * Do you take computer magazines to the toilet with you?
- * Do you have a computer 'room' in your house?
- * Do you subscribe to more than one computer magazine?
- * Do you have a neurotic fear of throwing out any box that once contained computer equipment, just in case you might have to 'send it back to the factory'?
- * Do your children beg you not to print their Valentines, Christmas or Birthday cards on the computer?
- * Have burglars ever robbed every home in the neighborhood except yours because you were up coding?
- * Is your idea of a big adventure playing one?
- * When your spouse says they are going to "take a drive to the store", do you have a sudden urge to go check on your disk drives?

* Have you ever threatened a guest with violence for putting a glass of liquid too close to your equipment?
 * Do you talk to the computer as if it could hear you?
 * Is the biggest crisis in your life a power outage?
 * Do you own more than \$3,000 worth of "home computer" equipment?
 * Do you save old Velveeta boxes to use as 3-1/2" disk containers?
 * Have you worn the letters off your computer keyboard?
 * Can you hotwire a phone into your direct connect modem from any motel or relative's house?
 * Do you travel with a computer?
 * Does a newly discovered BBS become the highlight of your day?
 * Are you constantly trying to find a 'better disk editor' or a 'better input routine' or a 'better word processor'?
 * Have you forgotten how to talk to other parents at a PTA meeting?
 * Have you noticed how old friends just can't carry on interesting conversations anymore?
 * Do you have computer style personalized license plates such as:
 CPU-IIED PLA-PHA PAG-ZRO MEG-4ME
 GIG-BUT BLITER
 * Has your spouse ever become 'frisky' and you say, "Not tonight, Honey. I've got a bug" - and then have to explain that you meant a Bug in the program when she breaks out the Pepto Bismol?
 * Is your profession nonclerical in nature yet you type 70 WPM or so?
 * Would you rather write a video game than play one?
 * Do you hope the teacher assigns a term paper instead of a mid-term exam, so you can do it on your computer?
 * Have you ever awakened at 3am with your face buried in the computer keyboard?



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Roberts Rules of Software Order Shelly Roberts Nashville CUG, TN

1. Do not, under any circumstances, enter a computer store to buy software with either a full wallet or an empty VISA card.
2. There is absolutely no correlation between what a program costs and what it is worth.
3. If the employee of a computer store is over 15, he won't have a clue about how the game works.
4. If the warranty says "Satisfaction Guaranteed or your money back," they will always be totally satisfied with your money.
5. Any program you desperately want will appear within 3 months in the junk box for quick sale under \$5, but only if you have already purchased it at the full retail price.
6. Educational software is usually only marginally less boring than Miss Batchelder's fraction lectures.
7. "Quick study, instant" music programs are written for people who like hearing the kind of music you can play on a touchtone phone.
8. If you loved it at the Arcade Palace, you won't recognize it when you try to play it at home.
9. Not everything in public domain is actually as bad as you think it is.
10. Your word processor will always have one exotic, but totally necessary function (like printing in 2 columns or select page printing) **missing**.
11. Your friend's word processor will have that function.
12. Your friend will gloat.
13. You will find the missing function in your friend's word processor and point it out but it will not get you even. The first person to point out the flaws, wins!
14. If a spreadsheet is complicated enough to do what you brought it for, it won't be simple enough for you to understand how to work it.
15. If your database program requires that you format the record fields

RELOCATION SALE

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COMPUTERS

Type	Quantity	Original List Price	Sale Price
Super PET 9000	1	1,995.00	800.00
PET 8896	1	1,795.00	600.00
PET 4832	1	995.00	300.00
PET 8832	2	1,495.00	400.00
CBM C64	6	299.00	100.00
CBM PET 64	1	695.00	400.00
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permanently before you enter any data, you will have already entered at least half the data before you discover that you need another field.

16. Informing a software manufacturer of a bug in their program will not get you their undying loyalty.

17. The only disks you will ever lose are the damaged ones that require that you send them in for replacement.

18. These will also have copy protection schemes so complicated that they have not yet been cracked by companies producing programs which allow you to back up your personally purchased, originally owned and legitimately-in-your-possession, honest software.

19. If you call a company for an explanation, the technician will give you an exact answer intelligible only to another technician.

20. The 800 number will always be busy.

Leather Goddesses of Phobos Review by John Engel CH.U.G., Houston, TX

"Warning! Some material in this story may not be suitable for children, especially parts involving sex, which no one should know about until reaching the age of eighteen. This story is also unsuitable for censors, members of the Moral Majority and anyone else that thinks sex is dirty rather than fun.

The attitudes expressed and language used in this story are representative only of views of the author, and in no way represent the views of Infocom, Inc. or its employees, many of whom are children, censors and members of the Moral Majority. (But few of whom, based on last year's Christmas party, think sex is dirty"

That is the opening screen text for Leather Goddess of Phobos and sets the pace for the humor used throughout the game. I feel that Infocom writes the finest interactive fiction available and I have enjoyed many of their titles. This one is the funniest yet.

You open the package at a 3-D comic book and glasses, telling the tale of Lane Mastodon on Phobos. Also included are the instructions and a Scratch 'n Sniff card used in the game.

Your objective is to find the pieces needed to help your friend Trent build a Super-Duper Anti-Leather Goddess of Phobos Attack Machine. The parts include a white mouse, a headlight from a 1933 Ford sedan and more. The first step in

the game is to determine the sex of the gamer (by which bathroom you use). Then you are sent into the game.

There are three levels of play: Tame (yawn), Suggestive and Lewd. In the Lewd mode, the game suggests that most of George Carlin's seven dirty words are used and more. Game play is smooth and funny. You progress through the game solving puzzles and collecting pieces for the solution.

Another feature of all Infocom games is the ability to save your game position at any time and to restore it when you realize that you have goofed or died. This is a great aid and allows you to experiment with ideas that may be obscure but it may also help you solve a puzzle in the game.

At the time of this writing, I have completed about half the adventure and I am enjoying every minute of it. It was necessary to purchase an InvisiClues Hint Booklet (\$6.50) to assist me through the rough spots. The manual has a question such as "Can I get into the house?" with three answers (in this case) that you uncover with a special felt tip marker. The first answer is "The doors are locked and you cannot unlock them." If you need more help you uncover "How would you normally get into someone's house?" And finally, "Knock on the door." This way you uncover only what you need to solve that puzzle. The book is written with the same humor that makes game great. There is even a section in the book called "For Your Amusement" with interesting ideas you can try after you have solved the game in the normal manner.

I am using the Amiga version of this game and it will run on the unexpanded Amiga. An option allows you to out put your game to a printer as you play for later review. Unlike the C64 versions of Infocom games, after the game is loaded the only disk access is for saves and restores. Overall, I can highly recommend The Leather Goddess of Phobos and feel that if you like text adventures you will love this one.

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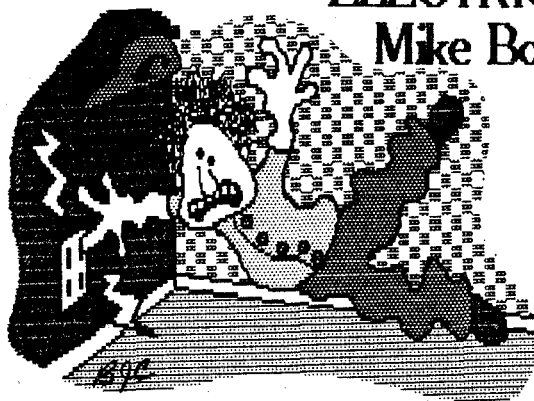
Don't Ask Why

If you are dealing with people, always ask why they are doing what they are doing. You may be able to help them do it better. Or you may learn how you can do something better.

If you are dealing with machines, especially computers, it is better not to ask why. If it works, be happy. If it doesn't, play with it. If you fix it but don't know how, don't worry. Worrying makes you feel old.

ELECTRICITY

Mike Boyd



Today's scientific question is: "What in the world is electricity? And where does it go when it leaves the toaster?" Here is a simple experiment that will teach you an important electrical lesson. On a cool, dry day, scuff your feet along a carpet, then reach into a friend's mouth and touch one of his dental fillings. Did you notice how your friend twitched violently and cried out in pain? This teaches us that electricity can be a very powerful force, but we must never use it to hurt others.

It also teaches us how an electrical circuit works. When you scuffed your feet, you picked up a batch of (expletive deleted) electrons which are small objects that carpet manufacturers weave into carpets so they will attract dirt. The electrons travel through your bloodstream and collect in your finger, where they form a spark that leaps to your friend's filling. It then travels down to his feet and back into the carpet, thus completing the circuit.

Amazing electronic fact: If you scuffed your feet long enough without touching anything, you would build up enough electrons to explode your finger! But this is nothing to worry about unless you have carpets. Although we modern people tend to take our electric lights, radios, mixers, etc. for granted, hundreds of years ago people did not have any of these things, which is just as well because there was no place to plug them in.

Then along comes the first electrical pioneer, Ben Franklin, who flew a kite in an electrical storm, and received a serious electrical shock. This proved that lightning was powered by the same force as carpets, but it also damaged Franklin's brain so severely that he started speaking in maxims such as "A penny saved is a penny earned" and many more. Eventually he had to be given a job running the post office.

After Franklin came a herd of electrical pioneers whose names have become a part of our electrical terminology. Myron Volt, Mary Louise Amp, James Watt, and Bob Transformer are a few. These pioneers conducted many

important experiments. For example, in 1780 Luigi Galvani discovered (this is true) that when he attached two different kinds of metals to the leg of a frog, an electrical current developed and the frog's leg kicked, even though it was no longer attached to the frog, which was dead anyway. Galvani's discovery led to enormous advances in the field of amphibian medicine. Today, skilled veterinary surgeons can take a frog that has been seriously injured or killed, implant pieces of metal in its muscles and watch it hop back into the pond, except for the fact that it sinks like a stone.

The greatest electrical pioneer of all was Thomas Edison, who was a brilliant inventor despite the fact that he had little formal education and lived in New Jersey. Edison's first major invention, in 1877, was the phonograph, which could soon be found in thousands of American homes, where it basically sat until 1923 when the phonograph record was invented. Edison's greatest achievement came in 1879, when he invented the electric company. Edison's design was a brilliant adaptation of the simple electric circuit: the electric company sends electricity through a wire to a customer, then immediately gets the electricity back through another wire, then (this is the brilliant part) sends it right back to the customer again.

This means the electric company can sell a customer the same batch of electricity thousands of times a day and never get caught, since very few customers take the time to examine their electricity closely. In fact, the last year in which any new electricity was generated in the United States was 1937. The electric companies have been merely reselling it ever since, which is why they have so much free time to apply rate increases.

Today, thanks to men like Edison and Franklin, and frogs like Galvani's we receive almost unlimited benefits from electricity. For example, in the past (few) decades, scientists developed the laser, an electronic appliance that emits a beam of light so powerful it can vaporize a bulldozer 2000 yards away, yet so precise that doctors can use it to perform delicate operations on the human eyeball, so long as they remember to change the power setting from VAPORIZE BULLDOZER to DELICATE OPERATION!

Editor's Note

The Graphics ideas used in this issue have been borrowed from line drawings of the Survivors of the Sixty Four Users Group, artist unknown, and have been drawn and printed using Deluxe Paint II for the Amiga. Our thanks to the artist for his imaginative ideas.

IBM Announces New Product Line Bill Raecke

IBM has stunned the business world with the announcement, just before press time, of its new series of computers designed to replace the aging PC, PC-XT, and PC-AT. Rumors have been flying for months now that a new product announcement was imminent, but its final form has taken everyone by surprise. IBM has announced not one, but three new computers - the IBM PC-64, the IBM PC-128, and the IBM PC-Buddy which will immediately replace the existing line. These computers are basically the same as the well known and top selling Commodore line. The pricing structure on the new machines including CPU, keyboard, single floppy drive and color monitor is as follows:

IBM PC-64	\$ 795
IBM PC-128	\$1195
IBM PC-Buddy	\$2395

I had the opportunity to spend a few minutes with each of these machines. IBM's founder and CEO, Izzy B. Macheen was on hand to answer questions.

The first and obvious question: Why was the change away from the current PC series and MS-DOS technology necessary? Mr. Macheen: "It is no secret that our sales have been falling badly. With PC clones becoming readily available at prices which we could not match, no-one was buying our products any more. We clearly had to do something. The clone manufacturers will now be left with outdated MS-DOS computers which no-one in the business community will want anymore."

Why then produce clones of the Commodore line? "First of all, let me say that these products are not clones. We

have put our own technicians to work to modify each computer to suit our own business market. But although the machines as currently marketed by Commodore are not 'business machines', they do have the marked advantage of being 'proven technology'. IBM believes in giving the business community a tested and proven product. We will also be tying into the largest software base in the market. Our new machines will be capable of running 90% of the existing Commodore software."

The price structure seems to be quite a bit higher than the Commodore equivalent. Why is that? "Again, these are not clones - our engineers have spent many man-hours modifying the designs to be more suited to the workplace. Besides, those little IBM nameplates on the machines don't come cheap."

Now for a brief rundown of each new computer.

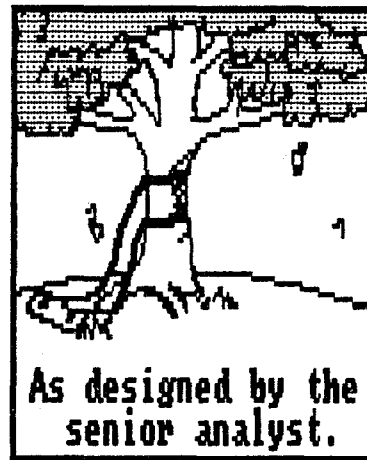
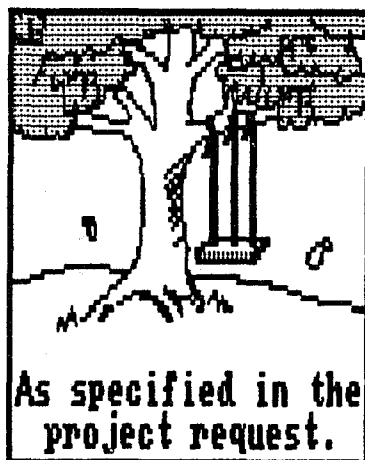
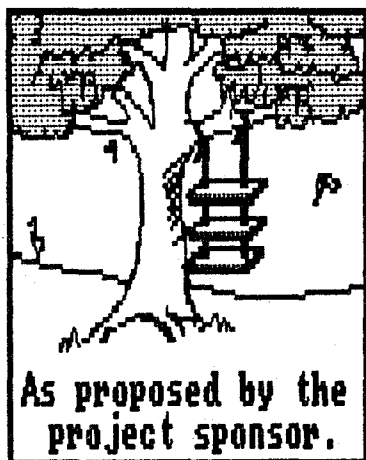
IBM PC-64

The unit is a single piece construction containing the CPU, keyboard and single 5 1/4 floppy drive. The keyboard is almost identical to the Commodore 64 with the obvious exception that the Commodore key has been replaced by an IBM key. This key has the unique function of playing the new IBM jingle whenever it is pressed for any reason. This key retains this ability across the entire new IBM product line.

The Commodore graphic capabilities have been retained on this machine, but the SID chip which produces those wonderful sounds on Commodore's 64 has been replaced with a three-voice beeper. Mr. Macheen: "Our business users have no need of sound capabilities. This isn't a game machine, after all. And for anyone who does need sound, we have the Buddy."

IBM PC-128

This unit has a separate CPU, keyboard and 5 1/4 floppy drive. Inside the CPU are 20 slots into which can be fitted cards of various descriptions. Mr. Macheen: "Our business community likes



slots." Unlike the Commodore 128, the computer has no C64 mode and no CPM mode. "That is what the slots are for." Gone too are the 40 column display and all sprite handling capabilities. "After all, it is a business machine."

IBM PC-Buddy

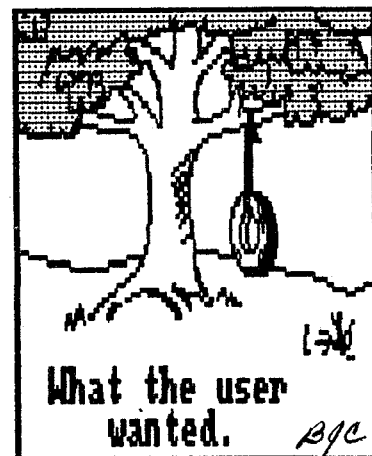
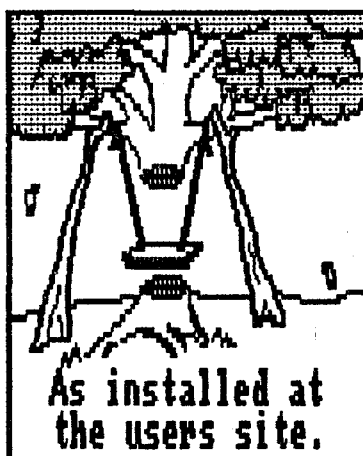
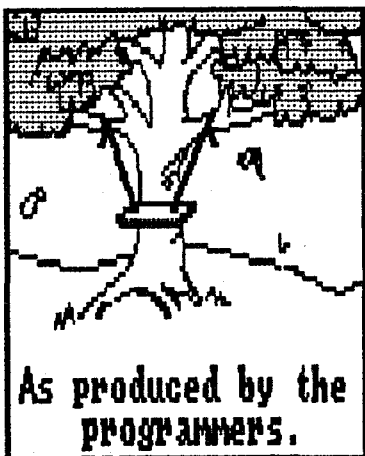
The CPU contains a single 3 1/2 floppy drive like it's Amiga cousin. The keyboard is a separate unit. The 4 voice DMA sound has been reduced to 3 voices. Mr. Macheen: "We feel three voices should be enough for anyone." The graphic capabilities of the Amiga have been retained in the Buddy except for the HAM mode which allows Amiga owners to display up to 4096 colors on the screen simultaneously. "We don't understand HAM and we don't think anyone else does either. Besides, 32 colors is enough for anyone." Amiga's multitasking capabilities have been retained, but on the Buddy, only four tasks can be running at the same time. "Any more than four will only confuse people." There are 40 internal slots giving almost unlimited expansion capabilities. The CPU measures over four feet wide.

In summary, IBM seems to have accomplished a remarkable feat. They have managed to reproduce the Commodore line without disabling too many features and at the same time have kept the price to less than double their Commodore counterparts. They should sell like hotcakes.

EDITORIAL



We intended to write an article in this space on "Apathy in the Club" but, frankly, we just didn't care.



Software Reviews Barbara Cramer

A number of hot new titles have appeared on the shelves, so many, in fact, that we have not had the time to review each one separately. Here is a capsule look at a few of the newly released programs for Commodore equipment. Our thanks to S.P.O.O.F. Computer and Video Center in beautiful downtown Euless for bringing these quality programs to our attention.

FOR THE AMIGA

Balance of Power - or How To Say "NO" To Your Wife

Perfect Sound

Rumors to the contrary, it was not authored by Barry Manilow.

Exercise Simulator

Experience the pain and sweat of daily jogging, aerobics and weight-lifting from the comfort of your computer chair. Scratch-and-sniff stickers are included.

Paint-By-Number Construction Kit

The creative modern way to acquire artistic masterpieces for your home or office decor. A charming designer smock and beret come with the package.

Defender of the Oval Office

An interactive computer novel where it is your job to get the hostages released by not selling arms to the terrorists. A Poindexter/North Publication.

C-128 AND C-64

Kamakazee Karate Kid

Let's face it, folks. There just aren't enough karate programs on the market to satisfy the demand.

Dr. Ruth's Game of Good Sex - The Arcade

Game

Not for the squeamish. With over 4,692 levels of play, this game builds to a satisfying conclusion.

Gidget Meets Godzilla

A fast-paced adventure game by the same fine folks who brought us the Annette Funicello Construction Kit.

Leader Board Revisited

An incredibly boring simulation which gives you the feel of an incredibly boring game.

Super Huey, Duey and Louie

Almost as popular as Howard, the Duck.

Inside Moves

A financial board game. Build your fortune without paying a \$100 million fine to the S.E.C.

Naugahyde Goddesses of Phobos

Cheap imitation of the popular Infocom game.

Creative Tax Accounting

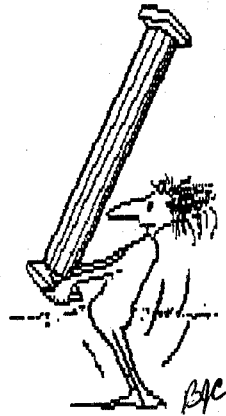
Of interest to the business user, these practical suggestions are guaranteed to give you the minimum prison sentence.

Interplanetary Games

A sequel to World Games VI, this program includes events in thumb wrestling, cross-country mooning and spitting for distance.

WARNING!

Commodore equipment is subject to breakdowns during periods of critical need. - A special circuit in Commodore computers called a critical detector senses the operator's emotional state, interprets how desperate he or she is to use the computer. The critical detector then creates a malfunction proportional to the desperation of the operator. Threatening the equipment with violence only aggravates the situation. Likewise, attempts to use another Commodore computer may cause it to also malfunction. They belong to the sale union. While it has not been factually confirmed, we suspect that the critical detector may have been installed in all computer brands as part of a secret plot by IBM. Keep cool and say nice things to your Commodore. Nothing else seems to work. Never let anything computerized know that you are in a hurry.

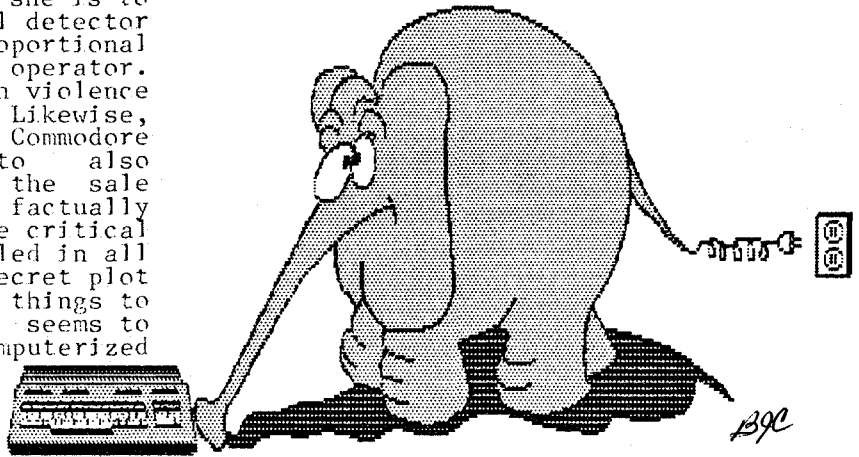
**President's Column****C-128 FOR SALE**

The MCCC's Board of Directors is offering to sell an excess C-128 computer. This unit was purchased last year for use on the club bulletin board, but will not be needed. Proceeds will be used to purchase a 1571 disk drive. This computer has been used very little and is in good working order. However, the warranty period has expired.

If you are interested, please send your sealed bid to

John Malmstrom, President
Mid-Cities Commodore Club
P.O. Box 1578
Bedford, Texas 76021.

Bids will be opened at the quarterly meeting on April 18. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids. Please call John at 282-6158 if you want more information.



Commodore 128 234 MEG^{ton} Memory Expansion

A Day In the Life Rick Shultz' Amiga

My day begins whenever my owner, or a member of his family turns me on; that is, I am not really all that excited, but I do get quite a charge out of the experience.

Well, I wonder who it is today? My owner? His wife? One of the kids, perhaps? My vision clears,, and as I look past the ridiculous picture of the hand holding a disk, I can see ..oh, no! it is the youngest boy. I hate it when he uses me! I usually end up when chocolate smears on my monitor, or gobs of peanut butter on my keyboard.

Today we're playing Discovery Math. Good. The little barbarian needs all the education he can get. I am worried, though. He deliberately lets the monsters chew on the game hero, and I don't think that is normal, even for a human.

(Some time later.....)

Well, it wasn't as bad as last time. At least he didn't spill his Pepsi on me. Ah, I recognize the familiar touch on my keyboard - Helga the heavy handed. . Actually, number one child and daughter is the best of the lot. She keeps a diary using a word processor (mostly mush - the diary, that is, not the word processor), and writes school reports. If you only could learn proper syntax!

It seems that Helga has left and I see the lady of the house headed my way. I know I am going to dread this - she has a grim look on her face, and a stack of bills and receipts in her hand. That can mean only one thing - Family Budget Time! This always so DEPRESSING! And spreadsheets are so boring! A computer's work is never done...

(Much, much later.....)

Thank goodness that's over with! Bills AND taxes! At least I don't have pay them. And - pardon me, but I am being summoned. This, I believe, is the worst. Number two son has just inserted Defender of the Crown. I really enjoy the jousting, but those sword fights! During the last battle, the boy nearly warped the spring in my mouse. I keep trying to tell him that this requires a gentle but rapid touch, but he doesn't listen.

(Later that night.....)

Well, everyone has gone to bed except for me and my owner. What software will he run tonight? Will he compose some great musical masterpiece on DMusic Will he paint a great painting using DPaint? Or perhaps he will expand the limits of

human understanding by writing a short story of tremendous insight and subtlety? He is searching through the disks. I can see that he has found one, and is inserting it into the disk drive. The program has been selected and is executing. And what are we using this pinnacle of modern technology for? Digitized nudes!

Have-A-Laugh Department Computer Definitions Lotus Users Group, N.E. Tarrant County, TX

8086: The year your computer will be paid for.

BASIC: A computer language used to generate errors.

CPU: C3PO's mother.

CRASH: Normal termination of a program.

DIM ARRAY: Stupid storage.

DOS: A misspelled palindrome.

EPROM: Acronym for "Exit Program, Read Owner's Manual".

GOSUB: Veryr fast U-boat.

GIGO: Garbage In, Garbage Out. (Normal result of most computer programs.)

INPUT: Statement that refuses all entries.

PROGRAMMER: Knows location of On/Off switch.

RS232: R2D2's father.

SUBROUTINE: A section of program that cannot be accessed.

SUPERVISOR: Doesn't. (cf. PROGRAMMER)

TERMINAL: Mental state of most programmers.

Experts from IBM, APPLE
and ATARI were asked,

"How many programmers
does it take to change
a light bulb?"

"None," they replied.

"It's a hardware problem!"



APRIL MEETINGS

- April 4 **Board Meeting** Breakfast Buffet 9:00 am, Meeting 10:00 am, Post Meeting brunch 11:00 am - Western Hills Inn
- April 11 **Ft. Worth Chapter** 1:30 pm - Don't forget the regional librarian playoffs after the meeting where the FW chapter Chipmunks meet the Apple disk Monkeys. A trophy will be given for the librarian copying the most disks in 1 hour. Refreshments provided by the Chipmunk Boosters Club - Gen. Dyn. Rec. Area, Room 2
- April 13 **Ft. Worth Night Chapter** 7:00 pm - followed by a non-denominational prayer meeting for ATARI users - St. Elisabeth Epis. Church
- April 16 **Amiga Chapter** 7:00 pm - Leave home early and you might be there by 8; at 10 the chapter will meet in the parking lot to search for members who may still be lost in the driveways - Arlington Community Center
- April 18 **QUARTERLY MEETING** 1:30 pm - followed by a combination weight-lifting party/Easter Egg Hunt in the gym - Hurst Recreation Center
- April 21 **Grand Prairie Chapter** 6:30 pm - More of the same. Members should be warned to exert extreme care driving to and from this meeting. It is rumored that you will fall off the face of the earth somewhere in Irving - Grand Prairie Public Library
- April 22 **Arlington Chapter** 6:30 pm followed by the popular "Moonlight Skinny Dip" at 10:00 pm - Arlington Community Center

New Year's Resolutions Jeff Harmon Baton Rouge Commodore Enthusiasts, LA

For those of you who have not drawn up your list of New Year's resolutions, it's not too late. Here are some suggestions.

1. I will at least turn off my alarm in the morning before turning on my computer.
2. I will better utilize my time to start the day. While downloading a 500 block program, I will shower and fix breakfast. There is no real need to watch every block transfer.
3. No more taking one day "vacations" just to hack at the ol' keyboard.
4. I will eat lunch sitting down, not while driving to the store to check out the latest in software.
5. No more late afternoon doctor's appointments as an excuse for leaving work early to "check out my latest acquisition."
6. I will not pay extra for "red label" UPS shipping. Blue label is really fast enough!

7. When coming home from work, I will first acknowledge the existence of my spouse and family before turning on the monitor.

8. I will earnestly try to watch a "little" television, giving the chips some down time.

9. The bright glow radiating from my abode will cease at a reasonable hour so my neighbors will recognize that it's night and can retire to bed.

10. I will keep the number of H.A., Hackers Anonymous, with me at all times and use it when I feel I am losing control.



IBM Fights Back Barbara Cramer

IBM announced today that it is tired of taking second place in one of the most critical markets and has decided to enter the profitable 'IBM Clone' market. Spokesmen for the company state, "Our expertise in this market should give us a head start. We intend to produce a quality piece of equipment designed to run 90% of IBM software at a fraction of the cost."

Dealers will be stocking IBM's new IBM clone near the end of this month and service centers in Guatemala and Equador are now being set up.

Your CLUB OFFICERS →

AMIGA REALITIES

Rick Shultz

Have you ever considered that, had things been only slightly different, we might have instead scenarios like the following:

The **Oral Roberts Amiga**, which demands that you install 2M of memory by the end of next month, or else it will self destruct...

The **Doctor Ruth Amiga**, which insists that you were rubber gloves while using the keyboard, and reminds you that any code is good code if both you and the Amiga like it...

The **Presidential Amiga**, which will look and sound wonderful seventy years from now, but will forget where it filed those all important records last month (AmigaDOS Error 121)...

The **Oliver North Amiga**, which will destroy those all important files from last month when you begin searching for them, and then will plead the Fifth (AmigaDOS Errors 205, 213 and 214)...

And for you DPer's, the **H. Ross Perot Amiga**, which requires you to wear a suit, tie and wing tips while writing programs for your Amiga. After five years of faithful coding, you and your Amiga will be rewarded by being relocated to another part of the country...

NEW MEETING * TIME FOR * ARLINGTON CHAPTER

Please notice that the Arlington Chapter will be meeting at a new time this month. This may or may not be a permanent change. Let the officers know how you feel.

**ARLINGTON CHAPTER
MEETING
Wed. April 22 6:30 pm
Arlington Community
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